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**EL DORADO HILLS MAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCTION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a 2- count indictment charging Larry Michael Jeffs, 41, of El Dorado Hills, California, with production and distribution of child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in Detroit, Michigan and Sacramento.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on or about August 12, 2003, the defendant as a parent, legal guardian, or person having custody or control of a minor, knowingly permitted the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, knowing the images would be transported in interstate or foreign commerce. The second count alleges that on or about the same day, Jeffs actually transported in interstate commerce child pornography via the internet. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of the computer equipment and the camera used to facilitate the crimes.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for the production charge is 15 to 30 years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine, a possible life term of supervised release and a \$100 statutory assessment. The second charge alleging transportation of child pornography carries a 5 to 20 year term in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine, possible life term of supervised release and \$100 special assessment.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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